

the 4th Council of Constantinople
condemned Photius and his
followers and iconoclasm and
affirmed the unity of the human
soul.

869 & 870

FOURTH COUNCIL OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Regarded as the 8th ecumenical Council by the modern Roman Catholic Church. It has NEVER been accepted by the ORTHODOX church, which recognises instead the Council of 880 that supported PITOIUS.

The Council of 869 was convened at the suggestion of Emperor BASIL I, the new emperor to confirm the restoration

of ST. IGNATIUS of CONSTANTINOPLE to the
see which PHOTIUS had resigned. Only
12 bishops attended at first & never
more than 103. The legate of Pope
ADRIAN II presided. PHOTIUS had already
been condemned, without a hearing, at a
Roman Synod. At Constantinople, this
decision was cut short, and when he refused
to sign his own condemnation, he was
excommunicated. The result of these
councils was to intensify the bitterness
between East & West.

Eighth Council is held
at Constantinople.